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SUMMARY: ON NOVEMBER 28, 1977 THE EC COUNCIL ADOPTED THE EC GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES FOR 1978 (REFS C & D). THE COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE COMMISSION'S MODEST PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT WHICH PRIMARILY CONCENTRATE ON OPTIMIZING THE PRESENT SYSTEM RATHER THAN ESPOUSING BOLD NEW DIRECTIONS. THE AMOUNT OF TRADE COVERED (POSSIBLE PREFERENTIAL IMPORTS) SHOULD TOTAL 6.4 BILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNTS (1 UNIT OF ACCOUNT IS ABOUT $1.20) IN 1978 -- 5.1 BILLION U.A. FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND 1.3 BILLION U.A. FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS -- COMPARED WITH THE POTENTIAL OF 6.2 BILLION U.A.
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UNDER THE 1977 PROGRAM (REF A). END SUMMARY.

1. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS: 1975 IS THE NEW REFERENCE YEAR FOR THE CALCULATION OF CEILINGS. THIS TRANSLATES INTO AN INCREASE IN THE QUANTITY OF PREFERENTIAL IMPORTS WITHIN THIS CATEGORY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN SENSITIVE PRODUCTS -- IRON AND STEEL, OIL, FOOTWEAR, PLYWOOD -- WHERE PRESENT

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QUOTAS WOULD BE MAINTAINED. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO SUSPEND FOR 1978 THE APPLICATION OF CEILINGS FOR ALL SEMI-SENSITIVE (131 PRODUCTS) AND NON-SENSITIVE (1700 PRODUCTS) INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, EXCLUDING TEXTILES (SEE PARA 3).

2. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: THE COUNCIL OPENED PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS FOR ELEVEN NEW PRODUCTS -- HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER AND OTHER HORSES NOT FOR SLAUGHTER OR BREEDING, CERTAIN VARIETIES OF SHELLFISH AND MOLLUSKS, LIMES, MIXTURES OF TROPICAL FRUITS, AND CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES DURING WINTER MONTHS. ALL AGRICULTURAL QUOTAS (CANNED PINEAPPLES OTHER THAN SLICES, PINEAPPLES IN SLICES, SOLUBLE COFFEE, COCOA BUTTER, VIRGINIA AND OTHER TOBACCOS) WERE RENEWED; HOWEVER, A NEW 20 PERCENT COMMUNITY RESERVE SHARE WAS CREATED FOR THESE PRODUCTS SIMILAR TO THE ONE FOR SENSITIVE ITEMS.

3. TEXTILE PRODUCTS: THE 1977 SYSTEM HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR SIX MONTHS WITH NO CHANGES.

4. JUTE AND COIR PRODUCTS: AFTER CONCLUDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES (INDIA, THAILAND, BANGLADESH, SRI LANKA), THE EC EXPECTS A ZERO-DUTY ON THESE PRODUCTS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1978.

5. PREFERENCES TO ROMANIA: THE COUNCIL EXTENDED PREFER-
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ENCES TO ROMANIA WHICH ADD TWELVE NEW PRODUCTS WITHIN THE DUTY-FREE/QUOTA CATEGORY.

6. SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE LEAST-DEVELOPED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: COUNTRIES IN THIS CATEGORY ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE RULE THAT DUTIES ARE RE-ESTABLISHED IF THE DUTY-FREE CEILINGS ARE EXCEEDED. THESE INCLUDE AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BENIN, BHUTAN, BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, CHAD, ETHIOPIA, GAMBIA, GUINEA, HAITI, LAOS, LESOTHO, MALAWI, MALDIVE ISLANDS, NEPAL, NIGER, RWANDA, SAMOA, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TANZANIA, UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA, YEMEN, AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN. HINTON

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